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EN ROUTE FROM BRITANNIA HOTEL TO AMERICAN  
EMBASSY, LONDON, JULY 19, 1977

QUESTION: COULD YOU TELL US YOUR REACTION TO SMITH'S  
DECISION TO HOLD ELECTIONS?

YOUNG: I THINK THEY'RE REACTIONS OF A DESPERATE MAN,  
AND THEY CERTAINLY DON'T OFFER ANY LEADERSHIP IN THIS  
SITUATION, THEY OFFER MORE CONFUSION AND I CAN'T SEE HOW  
THIS POSSIBLY IS GOING TO PRODUCE ANYTHING LIKE A  
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

QUESTION: WHAT DOES IT DO TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PEACE  
INITIATIVE?

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YOUNG: I HOPE IT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING TO IT. I THINK  
THAT ANY REAL PEACE IN THAT AREA HAS GOT TO BE AN  
INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE PEACE, AND I THINK THAT THE  
ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM IS  
VERY IMPORTANT PRODUCING PEACE THAT WILL BE INTERNATIO-  
NALLY ACCEPTABLE.

QUESTION: BUT SMITH SAID THE ANGLO-AMERICAN, OR AT LEAST THE BRITISH INITIATIVE, IS (INAUDIBLE) SETTLEMENT.

YOUNG: WELL, I THINK THAT IF YOU LOOK BACK OVER THE LAST TWELVE YEARS, SMITH HAS SAID ONE THING IN PRIVATE AND ANOTHER THING IN PUBLIC AND THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM. THAT YOU HAVE, WELL, I THINK, THAT THE PATHS ARE STRONG WITH PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED IN SMITH AND WHO WERE DISAPPOINTED BY THIS KIND OF IMPULSIVE REACTION ON HIS PART. NONE OF THESE REACTIONS IN THE OAST HAVE EVER LED RHODESIA ANY CLOSER TO RESOLVING THEIR PROBLEM, WHICH RIGHT NOW IS UNDER A STATE OF SEIGE, AND I DON'T THINK THAT AN ELECTION IS AN ANSWER TO THAT. THERE WOULD BE AN ANSWER I THINK IN SOME COORDINATED LEADERSHIP.

QUESTION: BUT DOESN'T THIS GIVE REALLY A DEATHLY BLOW TO THE PEACE INITIATIVE?

YOUNG: I DON'T THINK SO. I THINK THAT THE PEACE INITIATIVES HAVE GONE ON, ESSENTIALLY TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA CAN RESPOND TO. WHEN I SAY THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE I MEAN BLACKS AND WHITES. IAN SMITH IS STILL ADDRESSING HIMSELF PRIMARILY TO A WHITE MINORITY THAT'S ABANDONING THE COUNTRY VERY RAPIDLY. HIS CALLING ELECTION ISN'T UNCLASSIFIED

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LIKELY TO INSPIRE A GREAT DEAL OF CONFIDENCE IN THEM AND GIVE THEM A GREAT DEAL OF HOPE IN SAYING. IT'S ALSO LIKELY TO CAUSE AN INCREASE IN THE MILITARY SITUATION ON BOTH SIDES, AND SO IT'S LEADING US POTENTIALLY CLOSER TO THE BLOODSHED THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO AVOID.

QUESTION: BUT ISN'T HE IN FACT THUMBING HIS NOSE AT EVERYTHING INTERNATIONALLY THAT HAS BEEN TRIED TO BE DONE?

YOUNG: I THINK THAT HE HAS DONE THAT FOR A DOZEN YEARS. THERE'S NOTHING NEW ABOUT THAT.

QUESTION: BUT THIS IS REALLY A FINAL THING SAYING THAT WE'LL HANDLE IT OUR WAY TOTALLY.

YOUNG: IT CAN'T BE FINAL, BECAUSE IT CAN'T SETTLE ANYTHING. IT REALLY OFFERS VERY LITTLE HOPE. IF THERE WAS ANYTHING GOOD THAT CAN COME OUT OF IT, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER IT A FINAL SETTLEMENT OR EVEN A MOVE

IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I DON'T SEE THAT RIGHT NOW.

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QUESTION: WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT?

YOUNG: I THINK THAT I WOULD STILL LOOK TO THE MEETINGS  
THAT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL BE HAVING WITH OUR  
SECRETARY OF STATE, AND I THINK THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
A COUNTRY OF SOME SEVEN MILLION PEOPLE. IAN SMITH IS  
ADDRESSING HIMSELF PRIMARILY TO THE PROBLEMS OF A  
COUPLE OF HUNDRED THOUSAND, AND IGNORING THE OTHERS  
AS THOUGH THEY DON'T EXIST. I THINK THAT ANY SOLUTION  
IN RHODESIA HAS GOT TO CONSIDER EVERYBODY'S WELL-  
BEING AND I'M NOT SURE THAT HE'S EVER HAD THAT IN THE  
EQUATION.

QUESTION: IT SEEMS TO ME THAT HE WANTS MODERATE BLACKS  
IN HIS GOVERNMENT AND HE'S GIVEN UP ON THE ONE-  
MAN-ONE-VOTE TOTALLY.

YOUNG: WELL, HE'S HAD TWELVE YEARS TO PUT BLACKS IN  
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HIS GOVERNMENT. THE KIND OF THING THAT HE'S AFRAID OF NOW COULD HAVE HAPPENED VERY EASILY WITH IVOR RICHARD A YEAR OR SO AGO. IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED SEVERAL YEARS AGO WITH HAROLD WILSON, SO THERE IS REALLY NOTHING NEW ABOUT THIS, THIS IS STILL THE SAME UNPREDICTABLE, UNRELIABLE IAN SMITH MAKING ANOTHER DESPERATION MOVE, BUT I'M AFRAID THAT IT'S MUCH TOO DANGEROUS AND MUCH TOO LATE FOR THAT KIND OF ACTION, EVEN TO GIVE HIM MORE TIME.

QUESTION: AND YOU DO FEEL WARFARE MIGHT RESULT?

YOUNG: WELL NO, WARFARE IS GOING ON DAILY, AND I THINK OUR CONCERN WAS HOW TO MINIMIZE THAT WARFARE AND I FRANKLY THINK THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN DISCUSSIONS ALONE HAS PRODUCED AN ELEMENT OF RESTRAINT ON BOTH SIDES WHICH WAS IN THE INTEREST OF THE LIVES OF PEOPLE PRESENT, AND SO I WOULD CERTAINLY HOPE THAT WE WOULD STAY VERY MUCH INVOLVED, BECAUSE I DON'T SEE ANY SOLUTION COMING OUT OF THIS REFERENDUM.

THANK YOU, MR. AMBASSADOR.  
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